

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of       | : | Attorney Docket No. 2006_1328A |
| Naoki NAGAHARA et al.      | : | <b>Confirmation No. 6045</b>   |
| Serial No. 10/591,164      | : | Group Art Unit 1618            |
| Filed August 30, 2006      | : | Examiner Paul W. Dickinson     |
| STABLE CAPSULE PREPARATION | : | <b>Mail Stop: RCE</b>          |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: